

Letter Connections

Lower case letter connections come in three forms.

1. SMILES - Most letters end with a smile.
The end stroke comes up from the baseline.

a c d e



2. GRINS - Four letters end with a grin.
The end strokes have a high ending.

b o r w



3. JUMPS - Four letters end with a jump.
The end stroke jumps up from the baseline.

g j y z



Practice:

SMILES

Baseline

GRINS

JUMPS

Spacing

Even spacing makes your writing look more attractive and easier to read.

Practice these three areas.

1. Letter spacing - Keep your letters an even distance apart.
2. Word spacing - Space between words should be about one letter "o" apart.
3. Sentence spacing - Sentences should be spaced two letters apart.

Trace then write the following sentence using the correct spacing.

My cursive writing is clear, neat and legible.

SIZE

To make your handwriting more attractive and legible it is necessary to keep the size of your letters consistent. Trace the words below and be careful about the size.

First-floor letters need to be the same size and reach the dotted line.

First-floor *cup, man, in, was, on, is, after.*

Second-floor letters need to reach to the top of the second floor and be even on the top.

Second-floor *the, that, but, had, little, do*

Basement letters need to be even on the bottom. The "f" is balanced on top and bottom.

Basement *you, for, up, go, job, my, jump*

When your writing is balanced it is easier to read and looks nicer.



Write this verse in your best handwriting.

Practice making your word spacing even.

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with
your might. Ecclesiastes 9:10

Progress Check
Word Spacing

Grade
A_ B_ C_